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RESOLUTION ON LONG-TERM TRENDS IN REGIONAL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- 1. IN SURPRISE MOVE, DELEGATE FROM POLAND INTRODUCED SUBJECT RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE II AND ASKED FOR ACTION ON IT TODAY. EC-9 AND US REQUESTED FURTHER OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT ON AMENDMENT OF TEXT WITH COMMITTEE ACTION AT LATER DATE.
- 2. THERE FOLLOWED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS BY EGYPT, MEXICO, AND ITALY ON BEHALF OF EC-9. MAJOR ISSUE IS PREAMBULAR PARA 3 FOR WHICH EGYPT PROPOSED AMENDMENT AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT "BELIEVING THAT PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AMONG STATES AND THE RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION,

APARTHEID, AND FOREIGN AGGRESSION ARE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND, ETC. ETC..."END TEXT. THIS AMENDMENT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUPPORTED BY UGANDA, MEXICO AND ACCEPTED BY POLAND.

- 3. EC-9 PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOR THIRD PREAMBULAR PARA. AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT "BELIEVING THAT MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN CONTACTS, AND FREEDOM OF EXCHANGE OF PEOPLES, IDEAS, AND INFORMATION AS WELL AS THE ELIMINATION OF AGGRESSION, ETC..."END TEXT. POLISH DELEGATE SAID THIS AMENDMENT COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE AS THESE PROBLEMS WERE NOT THE CONCERN OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE.
- 4. ON QUESTION OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATION, SECRETARIAT REPORTED THERE WOULD BE NONE SINCE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS WOULD BE DOING PART OF THIS WORK AND SPECIAL STUDIES CALLED FOR WOULD BE DONE BY CDPPP AND ABSORBED IN BUDGET FOR CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. UK REP. QUERIED BASIS OF THIS ESTIMATE AND SUGGESTED BUDGET EITHER TOO LARGE INITIALLY OR THAT SOME ELEMENT OF ITS WORK HAD NOW DROPPED OUT. IF LATTER WERE THE CASE, HE ASKED FOR IDENTIFICATION OF PROJECT TO BE ELIMINATED. SECRETARIAT WILL RESPOND NEXT WEEK.
- 5. POLISH DELEGATE ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL TO DEFER COMMITTEE ACTION THIS RESOLUTION TO LATER DATE.
- 6. COMMENT: EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT BY REFERENCE TO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION EFFECTS TIE TO ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION PASSED IN COMMITTEE III AND WAS SO REGARDED BY EC-9 AND US COMMITTEE II REPS. WE RECOMMEND THAT WE PROCEED TO VOTE ON THIS RESOLUTION BY PARAGRAPH AND AS A WHOLE. WE PROPOSE WE VOTE "NO" ON PREAMBULAR PARA 3 AND VOTE "NO" ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE (IF EC-9 DOES LIKEWISE) SINCE WE WILL NOT, IN OUR VIEW, BE ABLE TO GET ACCEPTABLE CHANGE FOR BALANCE OF TEXT PER REFTEL. IF SITUATION CHANGES, WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT. EC-9 CURRENTLY SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS. AT MOMENT, IT APPEARS CERTAIN THEY WILL VOTE "NO" ON PREAMBULAR PARA 3. EC-9 SECOND COMMITTEE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPRESENTATION IS LESS CERTAIN WHETHER THEY WILL VOTE "NO" OR "ABSTAIN" ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE. WE SHALL SEEK TO DEFER ACTION ON THIS RESOLUTION UNTIL NOVEMBER 11 OR LATER ON ASSUMPTION THAT ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION WILL COME TO VOTE NOVEMBER 10-11. THIS WOULD KEEP FOCUS ON ISSUE IN COMMITTEE III AND ASSURE CONSISTENT ACTION IN COMMITTEE II. END COMMENT.

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